

# FGDC Update

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# Circular A-16 and NSDI Strategic Plan

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## Circular A-16: OMB is working on its internal review

- OMB formed an internal ad-hoc team of offices with interest, touch-points, or relationships to the GDA
- Still projecting a June 2021 release

## NSDI Strategic Plan

- Implementation activities paused while new leadership is established
- Path forward will be a topic at the next FGDC committee meeting

# Federal Data Strategy (FDS)

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- Established an Ex-Officio FGDC liaison member role on the Chief Data Officers Council (CDOC)
  - Tony LaVoi (DOC) is serving in that role
- High Value Geospatial Data Act Investment Areas to Advance the Nation's Spatial Data Infrastructure – Federal Government Survey in FY 2021
  - Currently in initial review of survey structure and content

# Status Updates

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## National Broadband Act

- Requires Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to consult with FGDC on the National Broadband Availability Map
- FCC is still developing their overall plan and requested quarterly communications – next call later this week
- Coordinated with Bureau of Land Management, which manages a DOI Broadband Infrastructure Map of public lands that could potentially be used to extend the broadband services network.

## Digital Coast Act

- Dept. of Commerce (DOC) to coordinate activities with FGDC

# NGAC Appointments

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- Call for Nominations issued January 2021 (45 day response period). Nominations will be used to fill NGAC vacancies in 2021 and 2022.
- Good response – many quality applications received.
- Interagency review panel will evaluate nominations and develop recommendations.
- Final decisions on appointments to be made by Secretary of the Interior's office.
- Tentative schedule for two next rounds of appointments: mid-2021, and early 2022.

# FGDC Agency Updates

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**Tony LaVoi** – Department of Commerce/NOAA

**Frank Avila** – National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

# Department of Commerce

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## Census Bureau

- Completed data processing for the first 2020 Census results: state population counts used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives (U.S. population = 331,108,434)

## NOAA Digital Coast Act

- Signed into law December 2020 –many years in development with strong multi-sectoral support
- Digital Coast is a platform that integrates geospatial data, decision-support tools, training, and best practices for the purpose of addressing coastal management issues and needs
- Enables coastal leaders to make well-informed decisions about the resilience and future of the nation's coasts; advances priorities for filling data gaps, particularly in underserved areas
- Act requires Digital Coast-FGDC coordination; all DC data already FGDC standards-compliant

## Federal CDO Council

- Strong interest in outreach to other Federal bodies; created Ex Officio position to the FGDC
- Need to discuss opportunities for coordination in 2021-22; inventory and standards are candidates since of importance to both groups